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Program Reveals Wonders of Area Wetlands

The wooden boardwalk over the wetlands at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, VA offers visitors a chance to view birds, deer, turtles and other wildlife from a unique perspective. But there are many other unseen creatures which reside in the more than 1,400 acres of forests, meadows, creeks and wetland that comprise this park.

Join two of Huntley Meadows most seasoned naturalists on April 28, 2007 from 4 to 9 p.m. for Wetland Wonders, an in-depth nature program for children nine years and older with an accompanying parent. Participants will leave the trail and learn about signs and habits of the lesser known animals living in the park, and learn how the park fits into the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

During the early part of the program, the group will learn about water quality and stream health by examining aquatic invertebrates they net from the park's creeks. After a brief break for refreshments, participants will re-enter the wilderness at twilight to experience the park after dark. Participants will have the chance to identify frog calls, watch bats hunt insects, and use a flashlight to spot hidden mammals' eye-shine. With a little luck, beavers may be seen working nearby. After traveling through the less visited areas of Huntley Meadows Park and experiencing the park at night, participants will have a fresh view of this unique natural treasure.

The cost of the program is \$20 per person and reservations are required. Wetland Wonders will be held rain or shine and participants should bring their own snacks and dress to get wet and muddy. Huntley Meadows Park is located at 3701 Lockheed Boulevard.

For more information, please call 703-768-2525 or visit
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